

**Subject:** Answers for Questions to SOL DTFR53-08-R-00004

**Q:** What is the place of performance for the contract? Assuming tasks will be completed at the contractors' offices, how will case files be delivered to the contractor, i.e., hard copy, or electronic version?

**A:** Tasks will be completed in the contractor's office. However, in many cases it will be necessary for the contractor to visit the place of business of the railroad in order to complete assigned tasks. Sometimes it will be necessary for the contractor to attend meetings at FRA.

**Q:** Please provide the name of the contractor currently performing the tasks described in the RFP.

**A:** There is no current contract through FRA for the services sought in this solicitation.

**Q:** What is the annual level of effort for the current contract/ hours etc.?

**A:** See solicitation

**Q:** What is the current backlog of projects to be assessed, if any.

**A:** Our statutory deadline prohibits us from accumulating a backlog, so there is none.

**Q:** How many loan applications are anticipated for each contract year?

**A:** This is an IDIQ contract. You may refer to Section C of the solicitation

**Q:** How many contract awards are expected to result from this solicitation?

**A:** This will be a multiple award and is contingent upon the responses received. Hopefully not less than 2 or more than 5.

**Q:** Please clarify the Cost Proposal requirements on page 31. Please indicate where the matrices referred to in paragraph (d) are to be found. Section L.8 also indicates that offerors must provide a rate schedule and pricing for the Sample Task. Is the pricing for the Sample Task referred to in paragraph L.8 to be provided in the format referred to in paragraph (d)?

**A:** Overall Understanding of the Government Requirements – In this section of the proposal, each offeror shall demonstrate its understanding of the Government's requirements and objectives as they are described throughout this document. Each offeror should demonstrate its ability to address the depth and breadth of these requirements. The proposal should include a discussion of the types of equipment, real estate, and other property that the offeror is capable of appraising, its ability to work throughout U.S territories, and a description of the types of information and analysis that will be provided in deliverables. The proposal should also discuss the issues raised in this solicitation pertaining to release of information and conflicts of interest. The offeror should address its unique approach to meeting or exceeding the identified requirements/objectives.

Technical Approach to the Sample Task – In this section of the proposal offerors shall demonstrate their overall understanding of the requirement as demonstrated through the response to the sample tasks or set forth herein. The sample task provided in this solicitation is representative of the statements of work to be issued as delivery orders. For the sample task, offerors will provide a detailed description of the technical approach including a step-by step procedure and methodology that would be used in accomplishing the task.

**Q:** Is Section B to be submitted in the proposal for the Sample Task utilizing the level of effort described on page 32?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Where may I locate Section J of the RFP?

**A:** After the clauses on Page 29

**Q:** The attachment starting with "\_\_\_\_\_ 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications" at the top of the page. There are boxes checked throughout the pages. What do I do with this?

**A:** These are clauses applicable to the requirement